

**CLUBS for older children:** Monday Years 6/7 Football  
Tuesday Years 4/5 Football These will continue until June  
Coding Clubs will also continue free until June  
Healthy Kidz will offer soccer on Tuesdays and Girls only on Wed  
MCR soccer is on Thursday

Roots of Empathy Project is coming to a close, P5 have really enjoyed their experiences this year watching Naoise grow up. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Neill, Baby Naoise and Ciara for facilitating the project alongside Mrs. Kelly. Likewise, many thanks to our artist Sharon who has worked all year with P4 in the Virtually Their Project. Much appreciation to Mrs. Hughes for facilitating this excellent project.

### Assessment

The older children shall be busy over the next few weeks completing their end of year assessments in literacy and numeracy.

Gardening: P4 and R4 are enjoying monthly visits to Garden Centre. They are learning various aspects of horticulture. We all look forward to sampling the fruits of their labour!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May** will be GAA Jersey Day to celebrate start of the Ulster SFC for Armagh (V Fermanagh). Please contribute £1 per child for charities including M. Dearbhla doing a Skydive in August in aid of Gaelic for Mothers.

**On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** R7 had a Nut Free Cake/Bun Sale in aid of their trip to the Gaeltacht in Donegal.

Comortas Peile will take place in Donegal on 17-18<sup>th</sup> May. All children in Rang 7 and some footballers from Rang 6 will attend this event. Due to accommodation, places are limited. The children will be holding a cake sale on Monday to raise some money to raise sponsorship. All offers of buns/cakes and money to buy is appreciated.

Shared Education with Markethill PS continues. P1 and P4 will continue their Shared lessons after the sacraments: By the end of June another 7 classes will have participated in Shared lessons this year. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Sullivan for coordinating this initiative.

**Well done /Maith sibh** – Niamh Garvey Runner Up in Armagh Spelling Bee  
Credit Union Poster Competition- 1<sup>st</sup> Aoibheann Carolan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Cumiskey  
Winners in Newry Fleadh singing-R5 Emily King Róise Ní Mhúirí  
R4 -Siomha Gribben, Lauren McNamee, Cahir McShane, Molly Bellew. Romy Caherty and Shea Savage R3- James Connolly, Carragh McShane, Tara Boyle, Sarah McShane  
R7 Cara McCreesh and Claragh Leneghan and special mention for Blaitheín O'Sullivan who won first place for solo singing.

**Cycling Proficiency Training will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May for Year 6 pupils who are interested. School will be closed for Bank Holiday but open for cycling.**

**Communions:** Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the refreshments after the P4 and R4 communion services on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May respectively. Normally we ask parents of Year 3 children to help and then their goodwill be reciprocated the following year. Indeed, we are delighted with help from anyone. Please call or leave a message in the office regarding your willingness to help. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered. All donations of buns and biscuits are greatly appreciated. We would also ask you to keep in mind that we have a number of children who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.

Available in school from 12sh on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May for about 90 mins

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**Joyce's Christening;** Last Thursday was a special day in P4 with Joyce Chung being Christened by Fr Maloney in St Patrick's Church. It was a beautiful service and something that the children in P4 will always remember. Many thanks to everyone who made the day so special including Mrs Hughes (Joyce's teacher), Mrs Cassidy (RE coordinator), Fr Maloney, Joyce's family, Linda and Stephanie, her Godparents and of course Joyce and P4 children.

### Sport:

Recently the boys had a hard-fought narrow 2-point defeat to Tannaghmore Ps in the McGreevy Cup semifinals with Armagh CBS just before Easter and boys' and girls' teams had good wins over Clonalig, Cullyhanna and Mullaghbawn recently. Best of wishes in the upcoming McGeeney 7 a side final for both boys and girls teams.

The girls had a great win over Cullyhanna recently whilst the boys shared their spoils in recent matches v Cullyhanna. They also had two great friendly games against Carrick PS (Burren) and St Patrick's (The Meadow Newry0

Lunch time league has started already, and the competition promises to be a classic! We wish all the footballers well in the competition.

Miss Donaldson continues cross country running every week for Years 4-7. The local council Cross country championships for Years 4-7 will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Kilbroney.

Dear Parents/Carers

Best wishes to our children who are preparing for First Communion and Cead Caoimineach. We would like to wish children, families, staff and parish all the best for their big days.

Comghairdeas again to everyone associated with our All Ireland winning production of Taibhsi an tSleibhe which picked up the top award at the school's national drama festival. Maith sibh to M Aisling, M Blaithin (writer of original script), M Barra, Orla and Mrs O'Sullivan and of course to the fabulous actors/actresses from the Gaelscoil.

Congratulations to our fantastic Traditional Group of over 30 children who played brilliantly in the school's competition in Newry Fleadh. They can be very proud of their runners up position. Many thanks to Mrs O'Sullivan and all of the children for their hard work and effort over the year.

Our magnificent choir sang beautifully at Newry Fleadh winning the Irish Language competition and then coming a great second in the English Language competition. Many thanks to M Dearbhla for her hard work and encouragement with the children this year.

Thank you to all families for their support of the children and teachers over the year in the above activities whether it be encouraging practice, attending performances or making/buying pro.

With the upcoming good weather (hopefully) please apply sun protection cream to your children in the morning before coming to school. Whilst the weather may be warm boys may prefer to wear grey short trousers that can be purchased cheaply in local outfitters. Please don't let the children come in to school wearing casual clothes. The children may get the message that school is easing down during May and June. It isn't -the summer holiday is the time for that. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The school has just received confirmation that we are one of 25 successful schools from a group of over 150 who have been selected to advance to planning stage from the Dept of Education's School Enhancement Programme. We will receive substantial funding which will allow us to enhance the buildings and associated infrastructure of the school estate ultimately leaving us with a fantastic school building and groundworks for our teachers to teach in and our children to learn in.

Parents will be informed in due course of future developments as and when they are known. Many thanks to the Trustees - Fr Maloney (Fr McKeever in the past), our Board of Governors, CCMS, Education Authority and DENI for their support in bringing the project to this stage.

Please make yourself aware of your child's online usage and interests. Please

# Newsletter May 2018

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### **Important dates in May**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Matches v Cullyhanna and St Patrick's Newry  
Thu 10<sup>th</sup> McGeeney Cup Finals in Armagh (Boys and Girls)  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Shared Visit by p1 and ETI – Wayne Denner online safety for Y6/7  
Thu/Fri 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> Feile Peile – Donegal R7  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> A Céad Comaoineach  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> –Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Erasmus Trip to Finland – Planning-Evaluating  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Cross Country Kilbroney Years 4-7  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> First Communion P4 @11am  
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday –School Off – Cycling Proficiency for Y6 pupils  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> School Closed – Staff Development Day – Assessment  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sports day @1015 am Years 4-7 Medals presented 230pm  
Thu 31<sup>st</sup> Sports day @10 is Years 1-3 – Medals presented 130pm

### **Upcoming Dates: in June**

Leavers Mass TBC  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> –Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Antrim Residential Trip for Year 7  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup>/Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nursery Graduations  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 230pm After School Drama Performance  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 1.15 Rang 1 18/19 new entry – parent meeting /Y4 Finnegan's; Nursery  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 1.15 Primary 1 18/19 new entry- parent meeting  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> children move to new classes at 10am for 1 hour  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> School closes for children @11am

Class Trips to be confirmed.

Dinner money should be paid on a Monday for the week previous. There is a substantial amount outstanding and it is essential that this is paid as soon as possible. Cost is £2.60 for Primary school and £2.50 for Nursery.